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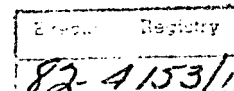
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: John N. McMahon
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Items of Interest

There are several activities in your parish that I would like to discuss with you in the near future. Some of them stem from Inspector General surveys; others more out of my ignorance and I simply want to have an appreciation of their status.

1. In the Office of Security, I would like to have a better feel for the reorganization as suggested by the IG report and whether it does make sense to spread out the functions now existing under the Deputy Director for Personnel Security and Investigations. I thought the report might have been too critical as to lack of innovation and adherence to old-time standards, but I would like to have your reaction to that (if nothing more than to appreciate why the IG arrived at that conclusion).

2. In the Office of Training and Education, I do want to pursue OTE's present ties to the outside academic world to ensure that we are taking advantage of knowledge and training techniques which exist in the outside world. Of course I already talked to you about where we stand with the basic courses and whether or not their curriculum has pertinence.

3. Under information handling I would like to know how the architect is functioning and whether he has carved a meaningful role. Moreover, how does ODP ensure that it remains current as to new ideas in the information handling world and how do ODP personnel stay on top of the latest. I would like to get some feel for the number of ODP people attending outside training courses. While we are at it, I would like to muse somewhat over the cost and resources devoted to supporting national programs, and are we doing it to the detriment of CIA day-to-day business. How does ODP determine priorities as to what organization gets either hardware or programming support before some other. SAFE remains an open issue for me and Bruce Johnson owes me a conversation on the status of that program and what it will take to fix it.

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4. A situation that has haunted me for some time and I certainly don't see the ready solution; but I fear as time goes on and the "old-timers" retire, the knowledge and experience gained from overseas assignments dwindles within the DDA. With that the gung-ho, can-do attitude which overseas assignments stimulate in our personnel must also suffer. And in lieu of such overseas assignments, how can the DDA protect itself from slipping into another government bureaucratic organization.

John N. McMahon

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